

**HB 1482 - DIGEST**

(SEE ALSO PROPOSED 1ST SUB)

Provides that, upon investigation of a report that a child has been abused or neglected, or upon receiving custody of a child from a law enforcement officer, a hospital administrator, or licensed physician pursuant to this chapter, the department may file a dependency petition pursuant to chapter 13.34 RCW if it determines that such action is necessary to protect the child from abuse and neglect or safeguard the child from future abuse and neglect.

Provides that, if the department determines that the child's parents, guardians, or legal custodians are available and willing to participate on a voluntary basis in services and treatment as may be needed to ameliorate the conditions that caused the abuse or neglect or that place the child at risk of future abuse or neglect, the department may agree that the child remain in the home pending the completion of such services and treatment.